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**Project:** Georgetown County Park Site

**Project Sponsor:** Daniel Stacy, Jr. Esq. of Lumpkin, Oxner, & Stacy, P.A.

**Agency and Permit Number:** None given

**Project Location:** Northeast of Georgetown, S.C., off U.S. 17 at the corner of Martin Luther King Road and Petigru Drive (Figure 1)

**Field Personnel:** Michael Trinkley and Nicole Southerland

**Date of Survey:** March 18, 2009

**Objective:** To obtain initial historic research that will assist in better understanding the types of historic sites present on the tract; to evaluate land use activities and their potential affects on possible archaeological sites; and to identify the areas of the tract that have the highest probability of producing archaeological and/or historical sites.

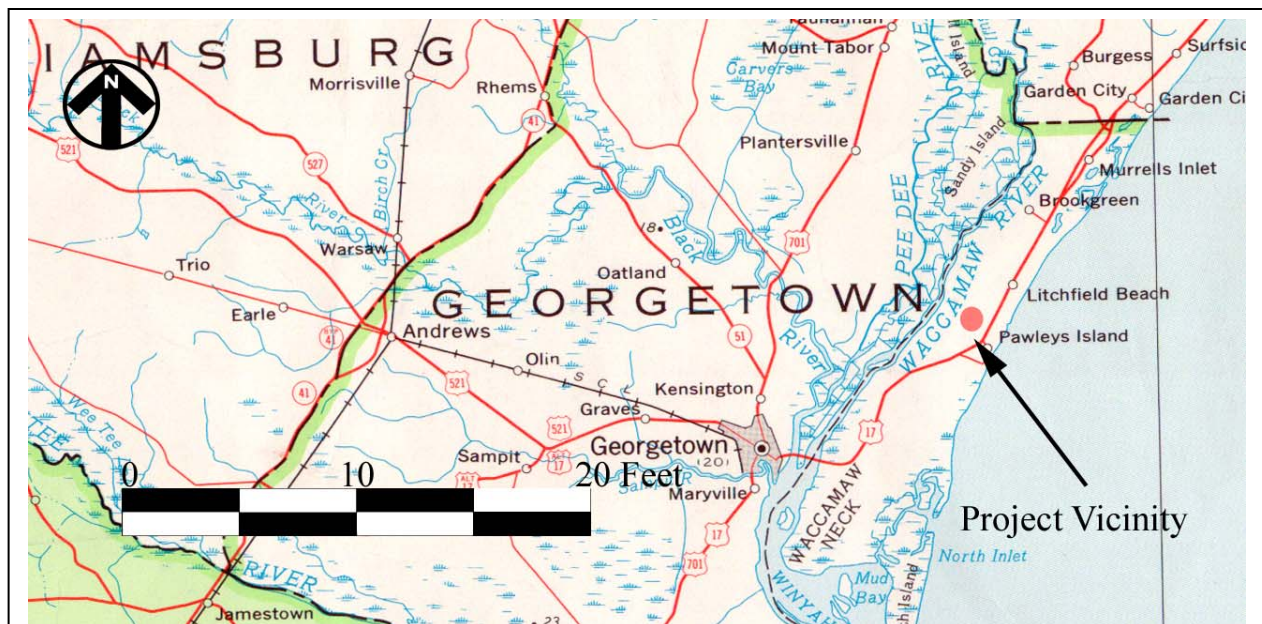


Figure 1. Project vicinity in Georgetown County (basemap is USGS South Carolina 1:500,000).

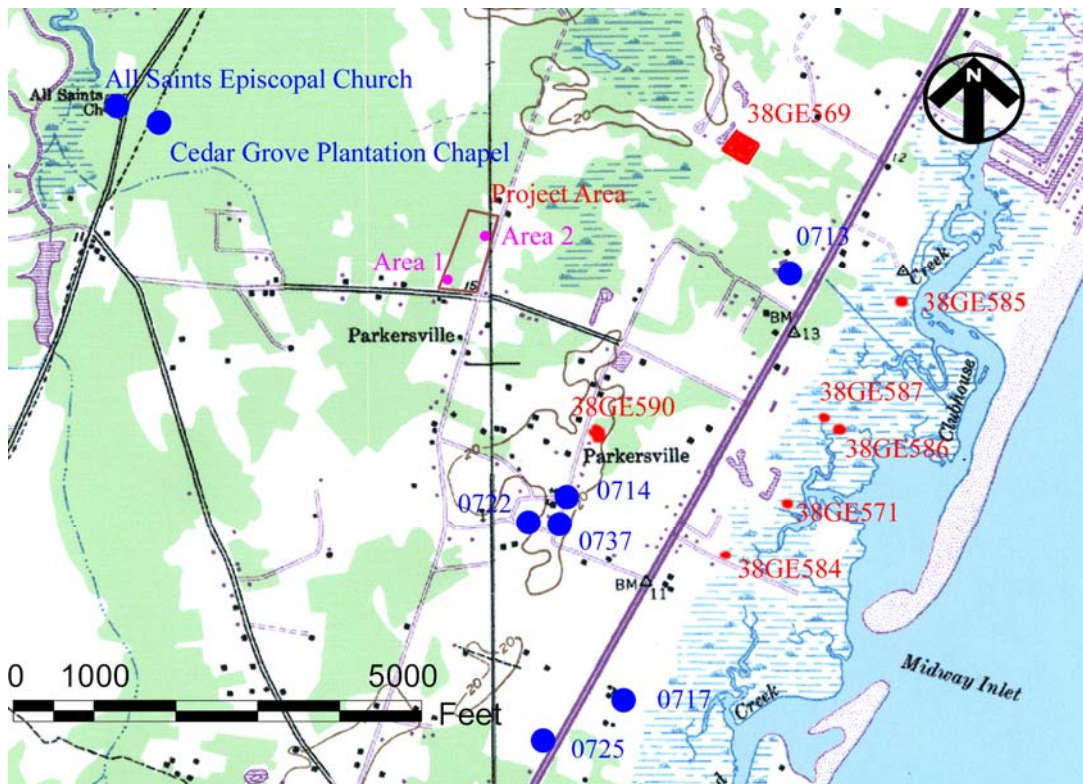


Figure 2. Project area with previously identified archaeological and architectural sites in the 1.0 mile APE and two site areas found during the site visit (basemaps are USGS Magnolia Beach and Waverly Mills 7.5').

**Survey Description:** The 10.3 acre site borders Martin Luther King Road to the south and Petigru Drive to the east (Figure 2). The north and west boundaries are adjacent properties. A dense forest of pines and hardwoods cover the tract along with about 1.1 acres of wetlands (Figure 3).

The Georgetown County Soil Survey (Huey 1982) shows that about half of the project area – covering the central portion of the tract – is the poorly to very poorly drained Leon Series (10) (Figure 4). The north and east portion of the tract, along with a small section to the southwest, is covered with the well or somewhat excessively drained Centenary soils (20).

A background investigation of historic maps was performed to see if any structures or sites are located in or around the project area. These maps include:



Figure 3. Typical vegetation found on the project tract.



1. 1820 *Georgetown District*
2. 1825 *Mills' Atlas* showing the Georgetown District (Figure 5)
3. 1872 *Coast Survey of North Island Eastward*
4. 1911 *Soil map of Georgetown County* (Figure 6)
5. 1913 *Hobcaw Barony*
6. 1919 *Coast Survey of Murrells Inlet to Cape Romain*
7. 1939 *Civilian Conservation Corps Timber Type Map* (Figure 7)
8. 1939 *General Highway and Transportation Map of Georgetown County*
9. 1942 *Waverly Mills 7.5' topographic map*
10. 1942 *Magnolia Beach 7.5' topographic map*
11. Aerial photographs from 1939, 1950, 1958, 1963, and 1975



Figure 4. Soils in the project area (10 – poorly to very poorly drained and 20 – well or somewhat excessively drained).

A 1993 Cartographic Survey of Georgetown County was also consulted to see if any resources were found in proximity to the project area (Hacker and Trinkley 1993). In addition, Arcsite was consulted to check for any previously identified sites or structures in the project area. The APE was identified as 1.0 mile for this assessment, however, given the large amount of construction taking place in the area, an APE at 0.5 mile might be more suitable in future studies.

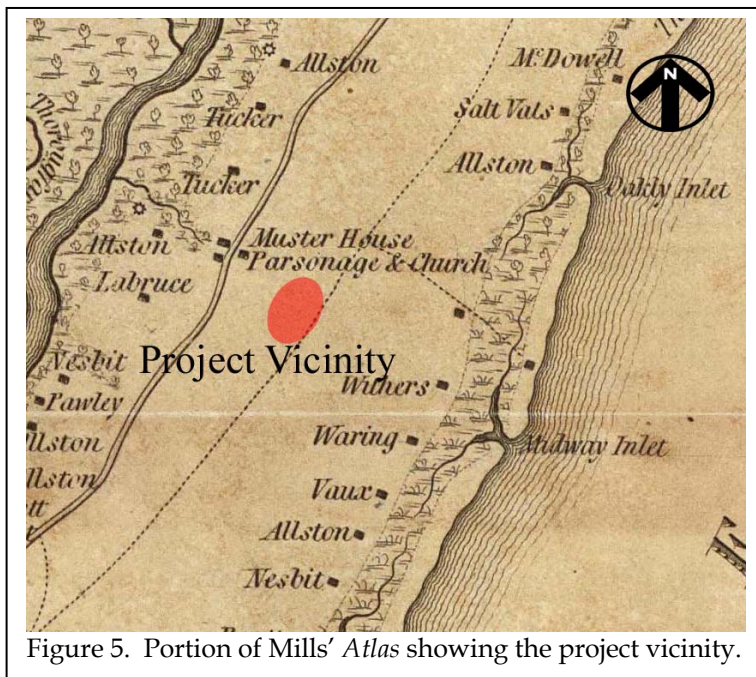


Figure 5. Portion of Mills' Atlas showing the project vicinity.

**Results:** Examination of Arcsite revealed seven archaeological sites (38GE569, 38GE571, 38GE584-587, and 38GE590), two National Register of Historic Places resources (All Saints' Episcopal Church and Cedar Grove Plantation Chapel), one eligible structure (0713 – Miss Ruby's School), and five ineligible structures (0714 – Mount Zion Baptist Church, 0717 – The Hammock Shops, 0722 – St. John AME Church, 0725 – The Parker Store, and 0737 – Pawleys Island Senior Center) within 1.0 mile of the proposed project area (see Figure 2).

Site 38GE569 is a Woodland to Mississippian and a nineteenth to twentieth century

A topographic map of the Waverly Mills area. The map shows the Waverly Mills River flowing from the top left towards the bottom left. The project area is highlighted in red and is located near the intersection of the river and a road. The map includes various geographical features such as Waverly Mills, All Saints Church, Parkersville, and Fraserville. A north arrow is located in the top right corner. The map also shows various soil types and elevation contours.

38GE571 and 38GE587. Site 38GE584 was recommended not eligible and 38GE585 and 38GE586 are potentially eligible. The final site, 38GE590, is an Early Woodland and nineteenth to twentieth century scatter, recorded as part of a survey in 2006. The site was found to be potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Georgetown County (Joseph et al. 2006). Site 0713, or the c.1915 Miss Ruby's School, has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Examination of the historic maps, reveal only two maps that show possible structures in the project area. The 1911 *Soil Map of Georgetown County* shows a series of structures running north along Petigru Drive (see Figure 6). The 1939 Civilian Conservation Corps *Timber Type Map* shows a single structure to the southwest (see Figure 7), which could be on the property.

Figure 7. Portion of the 1939 CCC *Timber Type Map* showing the project area.





Figure 8. View of the first site area.

gone, but the structure shown in the CCC *Timber Type Map* from the same year – 1939 – is still in the southwestern portion of the property. By 1950 – the next year we obtained in the aerials – the structure appears to be gone and the entire property wooded.

While no structures were identified on the property, the 1993 cartographic survey (Hacker and Trinkley 1993) located structures to the south, which are thought to be part of the historic town of

Parkersville. Given the proximity, the structures shown on the 1911 map may be part of this community.

The pedestrian survey, which would examine the tract for visible resources, revealed very little surface visibility. However, some resources were noted, including two areas where a surface scatter of bottles, buckets, and ceramics were located. The first area (674074E 3703812N NAD27 datum) revealed several pieces of whiteware, enamelware dishes, and aluminum buckets (Figure 8). A soda bottle with the name “WOODCOCKS SPECIAL SODA” from Georgetown, which may date to c.1920, was also found at the scatter. The second area (674236E 3703975N NAD27 datum) is a scatter of bottles – including medicine (amethyst glass), soda, mayonnaise, liquor, and bleach (Figure 9).

The periphery of the project area evidenced modern trash, but Petigru Road (which is still dirt in this area – Figure 10) produced some occasional ceramics adjacent to the property.



Figure 9. View of the second site area.

**Summary:** Although the project area had very little surface visibility, two sites were found – one that looks to be near the series of structures on the 1911 soil survey and one to the west that does not appear on historic maps (see Figure 2). What we don’t know is if these sites are surface dumps or if subsurface remains exist.



Figure 10. View of Petigru Road with the project area to the left.

We believe that the project tract shows a high probability for producing historic archaeological or architectural resources. Given the poorly drained soils at the center of the property, it seems likely that the resources would be found along the periphery of the tract in proximity to the road.

As for prehistoric resources, the project tract has a low probability of producing remains. The topography is low with no distinct ridges and the property is not near a permanent drainage or marsh. It may be possible to find some remains,

however, the tract is unlikely to produce significant remains.

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